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LD 56

To the Members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

I urge you to oppose this bill to remove the fee for the purchase of bags at retail stores. This small fee is a reminder to shoppers to bring their own bags, which reduces the amount of plastic bags produced and disposed of in our state. According to the World Economic Forum, plastic bag bans and fees for bag purchase have been shown to be effective at reducing both the use and disposal of plastic bags. That means less waste and less litter fouling roadsides and coastlines. We can't afford to go backward. Plastic pollution is choking our wildlife, littering our waters, and fueling the climate crisis.

Please vote no on LD56.

Sincerely,
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